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Soldiers of 2nd Bde, 327th Inf. Rgt., 101st MP Co., and Al Hadr police conduct traffic control points on Highway 1 south of Mosul.

License, registration please

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Stolen vehicles are so prevalent in northern Iraq, that soldiers setting up a traffic control point are confident they can get two stolen cars in two days.

The cars are being captured to help replenish patrol cars needed by the Al Hadr police.

“We are going to get two police cars in two days,” said Capt. John Hawkins of Miami, Okla., commander, Company D, 2nd Brigade, 327th Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

He said, “We will set up a checkpoint on the highway and check for stolen vehicles. If we find that a vehicle is stolen, we’ll turn the vehicle over to the local police to be used as a police vehicle.”

The TCPs are run by the Iraqi police with soldiers looking on to insure that they are conducted properly.

The soldiers and police have a number of things that they look for to determine if a vehicle is stolen.

“The serial number information as well as the vehicles make and model are checked,” said 1st Lt. Woody Edney, of Ashville, N.C., Co. D, 2-327th.

“The police and soldiers have a written list of reported stolen cars,” said Staff Sgt. Tarance Bizzell of Goldsborough, NC, 101st Military Police Co., 716th MP Bn. “You can also tell from the registration, whether it matches the vehicle or not. The really good ones are where they tried to spray paint their license plate to match their registration.”

Conducting the TCPs not only helps the Iraqi police to solve their vehicle shortage, but also helps the Iraqi people see that the police are maintaining the law in Iraq.

“Hopefully the people think this isn’t being done by us, but by them,” Bizzell said, hoping to see the Iraqi police get the credit for the control points. “This is helping the police by showing the people that they are actively working. If the local nationals can see that the police are out there and a standard is being set, the law is going to work.”

According to Edney, the Iraqi police were quick to act on setting up the TCP.

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101st rebuilds communities

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Repairs to a post-war Iraq have soldiers of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) going village to village and town to town to facilitate peace keeping and restructuring.

Al Hadr, a northern Iraqi town has soldiers from Company D, 2nd Brigade, 327th Infantry Regiment helping conduct traffic control points with local police, fixing water lines, conducting patrols and searching for illegal weapons.

There is concern about the town and

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"I think all they needed was a little of our support to get them going," Edney said.

The soldiers would prefer that the local police wouldn't stop every vehicle in order to conduct their searches because of safety, but they allow them to run their own operations.

According to Bizzell, the police are in need of training on how to conduct operations and basic police activities. "What they really need is some basic training," Bizzell said. "A lot of these guys are just young boys they hired off the street. They need basic skills like knowing how to take a report, conduct a search and even how to take apart and care for their weapons."

The TCPs effectively catch their stolen vehicles, just as the soldiers expected. The vehicles will help the Al Hadr police to conduct more operations throughout their area of responsibility.

its ties with the Ba'ath Party though.

"This town is operating very smoothly, so you have to ask why this town is unique," said 1st Lt. Woody Edney of Ashville, N.C., Co. D, 2-327th. "Are the Ba'ath Party leaders still trying to keep control of the town?"

The soldiers are concerned that the Ba'ath Party members that may be maintaining control of the town are not looking out for the good of all the people in the area.

"We want to go in and show that we have control and that we are there for all the people," Edney said. "Show of force operations really helps with these type missions. Some guys get down on it because they aren't pulling the trigger, but it's a very important mission."

Soldiers come into the city on UH-60 Black Hawks and by ground convoy, putting a large number of soldiers and equipment within the area in a short period of time, creating a shock effect with their presence.

"This is a new deal for the people in this town," said Capt. John Hawkins of Miami, Okla., commander, Co. D, 2-327th. "They've never seen the soldiers walking

their streets before."

Within a few minutes in the town, soldiers have begun patrols, and searches for weapons within the markets and local farms.

"We are making sure there is no Ba'ath Party members are working in the area," Hawkins said. "We are also looking for stolen vehicles and weapons."

Within a few hours, soldiers have secured the town and meetings with local leaders have been scheduled.

Lt. Col. Chris Hughes of Red Oak, Iowa, commander, 2-327th, met with the local police chief to discuss local mayoral elections, illegal weapons, stolen vehicles, retirement pay for local retired residents, and getting local wheat and barley to market.

"I would be a poor soldier if I didn't take the time to praise the town of La Hadr," Hughes said. "Because of the men of this town's bravery, this town is working well with few of the problems we've had to deal with in other towns."

The soldiers continue to conduct operations in the towns and villages of Iraq to aid their rebuilding into the post-war Iraq.



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Working together for Iraq

The soldiers gathered inside the dilapidated building were certainly a diverse lot. They wore a motley cru of uniforms and some were so young they still did not need to shave, while others bore thick mustaches flecked with gray. All of their eyes were on the instructor in the center of the room, his head wrapped in a bandage by a soldier in bright green combat fatigues.

"Very good," the instructor said when the soldier motioned he was finished, stood up with his gift-wrapped head and gestured for the other soldiers to give a round of applause. "Now who's next?"

The Joint Iraqi Security Company, the first military security force in Iraq made up of Iraqis from across the country and hopefully soon to be the first self-sufficient Iraqi military force, is being trained up for service by 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, a unit assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

The force is split into three platoons, one of Kurdish soldiers, one of former troops from the Free Iraqi Force and one of former Iraqi military troops. Altogether, it's about 100 soldiers strong.

"They've come together into one company with a chain of command," said 1st Lt. Daniel Donovan, provisional JISC executive officer. "The company will have almost 100 people."

The two platoons now in training are made up of former Peshmerga special forces and Iraqis from the Free Iraqi Force, which is now disbanded. The third platoon will come later, of former Iraqi military soldiers, vetted and cleared through the Civil Military Operations Center, Donovan said.

The training is all done in the mornings. Soldiers from the 2-44th take the Iraqis' guard posts to free them up for their training, and after several hours of training, the Iraqis go to work patrolling the Ammunition Supply Point side by side with American forces.

"We have them working hand in hand



Pfc. James Matise

Capt. Donald La Rue, an Arizona reservist with the 109th Medical Company and attached to 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, has one of his pupils, a former member of the Free Iraqi Force, demonstrate his first aid skills upon him May 30. Kurdish and Iraqi forces are being jointly trained by 2nd Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division, to become the first self-sufficient local military force.

with our guys. They've done some clearing missions with buildings, they've been shot at with us, we've been in combat together," Donovan said. "Just the other day they apprehended some (enemy forces), disarmed them and turned them over to the Iraq forces."

Saturday morning, two of the three platoons met to receive their initial first aid training from Capt. Donald La Rue, 109th Medical Company, a reserve unit from Arizona that is assigned to the 101st.

"It was great fun today," La Rue said. "We've been seeing them on sick call, and if they have injuries they would bring them

to us, so there are a lot of familiar faces. We just got to come in today and train them, not just work on them."

La Rue taught the soldiers how to apply basic field dressings and pressure dressings to the arms and the head, arm slings and splints. The soldiers trained on each other and said the JISC soldiers caught on quickly.

"Some of them had first aid training, most did not, but shoot, we showed them once and they caught right on," La Rue said. "This is a great opportunity. We got

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Coalition efforts aid Iraq's recovery

Coalition Forces continue to assist in developing a safer and more secure environment in Iraq through the following activities.

BAGHDAD

Coalition Forces:

With the Office of Coalition Provisional Authority (OCPA) and key Iraqi Police Force provisional leaders, assessed and selected 23 more former IPF police stations to be reestablished.

Have issued more than 2,300 police uniforms.

Report that more than 8,785 Iraqi police have reported back to work, and three Patrol Divisions and 18 Police Stations now operate 24-hours a day in Baghdad.

Have consolidated 62 truckloads of Iraqi ammunition, and delivered 448 metric tons of propane in the city.

Recently received 30 tons of mixed

humanitarian assistance, including medical supplies, which arrived at the Baghdad International Airport from Jordan.

NORTHERN IRAQ

IRBIL/MOSUL/TIKRIT

Coalition Forces:

The Judicial Assessment Team conducted a second day of interviews with local judges in Irbil. The team has interviewed 15 judges so far.

Met with the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and Kurdistan Democratic Party Prime Ministers in Irbil to lay the groundwork for future humanitarian assistance, infrastructure improvements and other civil-military operations in the Kurdish governates.

Continued Task Force Neighborhood and Task Force Grafitti operations to in Makhmur and Mosul with help of locals.

Hosted the first graduation ceremony from the U.S. Military Police-run Police Academy in Rabiya, which trained 47 Iraqi police officers over the course of two weeks.

Received 139 benzene and 32 propane trucks from Turkey, and distributed 55,000 liters of benzene and 7,735 propane canisters in the northern Iraq.

Assessed ten schools in Makhmur for restoration, and is planning a Task Force Neighborhood project with the Mayor of Makhmur.

Continued work to build on the election discussions yesterday with the mayor and vice-mayor of Mosul, and expect to assist in the selection of district managers and mayors soon.

Consolidated 373 of 569 sites of captured weapons, equipment, and ammunition to date.

Continued to conduct medical supply assessments of the Al Hamdany area, and

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to get these guys trained so we can go home."

Upon completing three days of first aid instruction, the soldiers began their two-week Basic Rifle Marksmanship course.

The course, much like U.S. military training, began with in-class familiarization of their personal weapons, which in the Iraqi soldiers' case is the AK-47 automatic rifle.

Kurdish soldiers demonstrated how to properly fieldstrip a rifle. After each trainee demonstrated this knowledge, he was shown how to properly take the prone and kneeling shooting positions.

Capt. Brian De Leon, HHB, 2-44th and provisional JISC commander, said the Kurdish Peshmerga have been of great help to training the unit.

"The Peshmerga have a little more training, so we've had them integrate that into the company and teach the other soldiers," he said.

Soldiers with the 2-44th were also familiarized with fieldstripping the AK-47 and the PK machinegun so they would better understand the weapons the Iraqi soldiers are learning to use.

The marksmanship block of instruction will culminate in marksmanship practice and qualification on a live-fire range, De Leon said.

"The Arabs will shoot their weapons in Dahuk," he said.

Once BRM is completed, the company will learn principles

of land navigation and map reading.

The Iraqi soldiers are also learning the importance of discipline accomplished through drill and ceremony. They are required to go through the proper movements, according to their own drill standards, while moving, turning and speaking, both individually and as a group.

They have already produced their own guidon, which depicts a pair of clasped hands against a field of yellow, surmounted by a row of three stars — green, half green and half gold, and gold. Below the hands, the letters "JISC" are printed in black.

The company follows a "shadow" chain of command, with a U.S. commander, executive officer, and first sergeant, coupled with Iraqi counterparts. An Iraqi major from the New Iraqi Force is scheduled to take command of the company in two weeks, De Leon said.

"The soldiers will stand in battalion formation and do their change of command," he said.

De Leon said his unit plans to work with the soldiers for the next month or two, until it is ready to stand on its own.

"45-60 more days, that's the target goal," he said. "The biggest thing is to work on supply. The Peshmerga have weapons, the FIF don't have any, so we pretty much want them to be able to maintain themselves."

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Activity around Iraq noticed

Coalition, Iraq police work together to make Iraq secure

Coalition Forces continue to aggressively patrol Iraq to eliminate crimes against people and property, rid populated areas of weapons, ammunition and explosives, and stop the black market trade in fuel and other commodities.

Coalition Forces also continue to conduct joint security patrols with Iraqi police in their efforts to increase the professionalism of the police force and prepare them for their role in a self-governed Iraq.

Coalition Activity:

Iraqis with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades fired on a patrol from the 2d Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, in Al Maqdiyah yesterday.

The patrol maneuvered around the attackers' firing position and ended up capturing a total of nine Iraqis. No U.S. soldiers were injured.

Marines are assisting the Karbala Police Department in refurbishing their jail facilities.

They will help establish electrical power in the jail building, as well as improve cell locks and the water and sewage system. They are scheduled to complete the work in five to seven days.

Soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) recently raided a site near Mosul based on a citizen's report of illegal arms possession.

The soldiers confiscated two rocket-propelled grenade launchers and several hundred rounds of both heavy machine gun and small arms ammunition.

Police Activity in the Last 24 Hours:

Coalition Forces conducted 8 raids and a total of 2,315 patrols throughout Iraq. Of those patrols, they conducted 226 joint Iraqi and Coalition patrols. They also detained or arrested 175 individuals.

Recent Police Activity:

Iraqi police manning a checkpoint in Baghdad recently stopped and confiscated a stolen and repainted Iraqi Army truck.

That same day, those police manning the same checkpoint also stopped a variety of other vehicles and confiscated a total of 28 rocket-propelled grenade rounds, two crates of heavy machine gun ammunition, an Iranian-made anti-personnel mine and about 50 anti-tank rounds.

Soldiers from 204th Military Police Company and Iraqi police conducted a joint patrol and discovered six rocket-propelled grenade rounds in a Baghdad neighborhood recently.

They called an explosive ordnance disposal team to remove the ammunition.

Soldiers from the 204th Military Police Company on patrol with Iraqi police in Baghdad recently responded to a report by a civilian that somebody was shooting a rifle in a nearby apartment complex.

They went to the complex, detained one man and confiscated an AK-47 with over 100 rounds of ammunition.

They took suspect to the Police Academy Jail, and the weapon and ammunition to a U.S. military weapons collection point.

A joint patrol of soldiers from the 549th Military Police Company and Iraqi police raided a house in Baghdad recently while serving an Iraqi Court warrant for house invasion.

They arrested three suspects and confiscated a pistol and three hand grenades.

The joint patrol took the suspects to the New Baghdad Police Station and the weapons and ammunition to a U.S. military

weapons collection point.

Two individuals with AK-47s fired on Iraqi police who were on patrol in Baghdad recently. They reported the incident to soldiers with 527th Military Police Company, who went with them to the location where the individuals had fired their weapons and detained one man.

The other suspect fled the area. Iraqi police continue to investigate the incident.

An Iraqi man in Baghdad recently reported that two men forcefully took his car.

Soldiers from the 615th Military Police Company, Iraqi police and the victim went to the house of one of the suspects. They detained one man and confiscated an AK-47 rifle they found there.

The suspect gave police the name of the second man after the joint patrol took him to the police station. The second suspect is still at large. Iraqi police continue to investigate this incident.

Soldiers from the 204th Military Police Company investigated gunfire they heard in a Baghdad neighborhood recently. They arrived to find a man throwing a handgun over a fence.

They detained the man, searching the area behind the fence and found a 9 mm pistol.

They determined the man was engaged in "celebratory" gunfire with no intent to harm anybody, and released him with a warning.

They confiscated his pistol and gave him a receipt for it.

They took the weapon and ammunition to a U.S. military weapons collection point.

An Iraqi citizen recently reported a shooting incident in which two armed men with AK-47 rifles entered a Baghdad house and got into a verbal altercation with two other men.

The two armed men with rifles shot and killed both men and wounded three others who were also in the house.

The armed men then fled. Iraqi police responded at the scene, rendered assistance to the wounded, and took all five victims to the hospital.

One suspect later turned himself in at the Al Baya Police Station. Iraqi police continue to investigate the shooting.

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Man on the Street

What do you do in your down time?



"Equipment maintenance and try to get some sports in." - Pvt. Joseph Stacy of Boulder, Colo., 3rd Battalion, 327 Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault)



"What down time?" - First Lt. Vincent Calmes of Baton Rouge, La., 3-327th.



"Do PT, clean my room, keep myself busy." - Sgt. First Class Steve Burroughs of Fort Gibson, Okla., HHC Division, 101st Abn. Div. (AAst.)



"Read a book, look at pictures of my kids, email home." - Capt. Katrine Bryant of Lubbock, Texas, 431st Civil Affairs Bn.

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will begin delivery of medical supplies next week.

Identified food supply requirements for the World Food Program to feed 184,000 people in Tel A'far, 120,000 in Al Zumar, and 150,000 in Avgani. Coalition forces continue to store and distribute food throughout the northern provinces.

Announced that a contract was awarded to provide the initial six-month Internet service via satellite to Mosul.

Coordinated through the Minister of Irrigation to bring hydrology specialists to work on irrigation problems in the Tigris-Euphrates valley. By way of comparison, the problems there closely U.S. experiences with the Platte River in Colorado and Nebraska.

Received a 510-truck World Food Program convoy from Jordan with 11,170 metric tons of food consignments for Dohuk, Mosul, Irbil and Sulaymaniyah; Another convoy of 152 WFP trucks is delivering food to Baghdad, Babil and Qasissiyah.

BAQUBAH

Coalition forces discovered and secured a large cache of weapons and ammunition in two schools that included more than 1,000 rocket-propelled grenade rounds and other small arms. They secured the site and called on explosive ordnance disposal experts to remove them.

SOUTHERNIRAQ

ANNAJAF

7th Marine Regiment recently:

Provided \$5,000 and medical supplies to the local hospital, and received two truckloads each of propane and kerosene as part of the agreement with the petroleum ministry.

Invited city schools to the reopening of the amusement park that Marines and sailors renovated.

Began several new school renovation projects in the city.

ADDIWANIYAH

5th Marine Regiment recently:

Conducted the registration and initial screening for the new police force, which will be followed by a 4-day "train the trainer" police academy focused on developing a professional police force.

ASSAMAWAH

5th Marine Regiment recently:

Assisted U.S. Army Military Policemen in completion of the formal training phase of the Rumaythah police force and security guards, and began the practical phase of training.

Vetted the list of candidates for as Samawah police manage-